

Master Gardeners of Clark County
General Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023

The November 8, 2023 meeting was called to order at the Extension office by Sue Ann Dill President at 5:40 PM with members present and others online. President Sue Ann Dill thanked the Social Committee for organizing the chili potluck. A motion to accept the minutes of the September 13th meeting was made by Donna Myers and seconded by Jill Pfister, and as there were no objections, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2023

Total Cash Balance: \$1,658.75 Total assets: \$103,272.57

The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for audit. Our next fundraising event is Pints and Poinsettias at Mother Stewart's on Saturday, December 1, 2023. George reported that sales tax will become an issue in 2024 and will need to be factored into the price. He also requested that budgets from the committee chairman be turned in asap.

Pam Bennett Report

1. Upcoming MGCV Training- organizing a team to help with training - several have already started to work with Beth and I on the incoming class. We will have a MGCV training team meeting on November 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Extension office. Help will be needed with set up, tear down, organizing the mentor program, interviewing new MGCVs, etc.
2. Working on development currently – meeting with community members to talk about the next steps for the garden. Goal is to raise enough money to continue the sidewalks.
3. Recognition is Monday night – thanks to the team for setting this up!

SPGA committee:

Sidewalks, irrigation, mulching, to finish up this year.

2024 priorities – entrance garden, trapezoid beds on the west of the Wingert Tossey

Pavilion, interpretive signage, garden names, plant labels, map of gardens, entrance kiosk

Committee Reports:

Perennial Committee: We are still working away in the Gardens! We had hoped today (11/7) was going to be our last workday but if the weather holds out, we will be doing 2 more over the next 2 weeks. We are working on the 4 connector beds to the Springfield Foundation Gardens. This will change them from 6 individual beds to 2 long beds. We are removing the sod, adding a rock river, a Little King River Birch, 3 Red Twig Dogwoods, and Angelina sedum. We hope this will give it lots of winter interest. We will be celebrating an end to all our work with a Christmas party on Dec 5th with lots of food and games! It has been a very busy year for the Perennial Committee!

Fundraising: This year Pints and Poinsettias at Mother Stewart's is Saturday, December 2, from 12:00-3 We'll set up at 10:45. All are welcome to join in. Plant pricing TBA.

Field Trip: Planning a tour of 8 to 10 gardens of Master Gardeners on June 8, 2024

Swag Project: Needed are ornaments and pine cones. Sign up sheet is going around

Handbook Revision: A revised copy will be available on the website in January, 2024

Docent

There were 23 Tours provided this past 2023 Season. Only issue was the Communication for the 3 Booked Tours. We received many accolades.

Education

Thank you for the Fabulous Meet Me in the Park Season! Over 2500 people attended all of our Events this past season, Plant Sale and Jubilee included.

Handbook

The 2014 MGCV Handbook has been revised. The 2023 version will be available January 2024 General Meeting and for the New Intern Class.

EOS Committee: The Early Ohio Settlers have had their last workday of the year, and put the garden to bed. We will be updating our display board this winter, so if you're out walking there will be something interesting to see. We are looking forward to spring, and welcome any new volunteers.

Kim Bachman, Judy and Mark Finnegan

Recognition: The annual Recognition Celebration is next week, on Monday, Nov 13. Doors will open at 5:30, dinner at 6, and the program will start at 7. We are celebrating with "Pearls of Wisdom", 30 years of Master Gardener Volunteers in Clark County. We have invited all of the first class of MGCV, and a few plans on attending. So, dig out some pearls, and come for this festive occasion to celebrate all we have accomplished this year, as well as our history. The color scheme is black and white, to complement your pearls!!

We will be raffling off a few watercolors of SPGA, so you may want to bring a little cash.

Kim Bachman, Chair

Old Business: Election of Officers for 2024

President Elect – Jill Pfister

Secretary – Susan Miller

Treasurer – George Simon II

Member at Large – Gigi Wise

Congratulations to all and looking forward to 2024 and thank you to the nomination committee for their hard work.

Policy & Procedures: George Simon II and his committee will be making the policy and procedures manual available in 2024 on the website and in binders.

New Business: The new class will begin on February 7, 2024

Cookie Exchange: MGCV Cookie Exchange will be December 18 from 1-3pm @ Clubhouse per Pam. More details to follow.

Membership Survey Committee: Surveys were available and all were asked to fill them out at the meeting. Results will be available at the January General Meeting.

Tom Davidson reminded us of the Honey Bee class starting on January 12, 2024

And, the Chili winners are: Karen Titone, Marilyn Hinderer and Deb Brugger. Thank you all and we hope we do this again!

As there was no further business a motion was made by Sharon Frandsen and seconded by Fabenne Brandenburg to adjourn at 6:28 PM Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Asebrook

Linda Asebrook, Recording Secretary